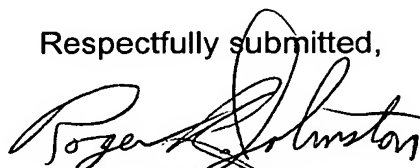


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The newly presented base claims 24 and 30 now recite the feature of the invention wherein the deflector surfaces provided on the valve member are operable for a camming action as a siphon hose is inserted and effect the pivotal opening of the valve member plus providing the function of preventing the end of the siphon hose from contacting the annular seal.

The Examiner has cited the patent to Devall et al as showing a poppet valve within a filler tube neck wherein the poppet valve has deflector surfaces for directing a siphon hose laterally and outwardly through an aperture in the filler tube neck. Applicants' invention does not operate to deflect the siphon hose through an aperture but permits the siphon hose to continue being inserted through a filler neck. Thus, Applicants' valve assembly can be inserted in an existing filler tube neck without requirement of the modification for an aperture being formed in the filler neck to permit the siphon hose to bypass the valve. Thus, the teachings of the Devall et al patent relate to a different function and are not relevant to the present invention.

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